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GAMBLING IN SUGAR

LEAD BUSINESS ON 'CHANGE. Market Continues Nervous

TRUST SHARE DEALINGS EASILY

Unsettled-Local Markets Show Holiday Dullness.

At New York yesterday money on call ranged from 4 to 7 per cent.; last loan, 5; closed at 5. Prime mercantile paper, nominally, 6 per

Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.894@4.891/2 for demand and \$4.87%@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.89 and \$4.90\(\partial 04.91\); commer-

cial bills, \$4.87. Bar silver, 661/6c; silver certificates, 66%@ 67c; Mexican dollars, 521/4c.

Total sales of stocks were 314,690 shares, including the following: American Sugar, 72,400; American Tobacco Company, 10,300; Atchison, 11,600; Burlington, 12,100; Chicago Gas, 6,900; Distilling, 9,900; Kansas & Texas preferred, 5,900; Louisville & Nashville, 8,400; Missouri Pacific, 7,700; Northwest, 5,100; Reading, 9,700; Rock Island, 11,200; St. Paul, 44,200; Silver Certificates, 20,000; Southern preferred, 5,000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 6,700; United States Leather preferred, 15,200; Wabash, 3,600; Western Union, 6,600;

Wheeling & Lake Erie, 8,000. The resumption of business on New York | (The quotations given below are the sell-Change after the holiday was marked by a sharp rise in values in the early dealings of yesterday. The confident tone was mainly attributable to the expectation that the treasury will be strengthened by an issue of government bonds. In the best in-formed financial circles these views find acceptance, but thus far the only people whose statements would carry conviction are mute on the subject. It is not believed that a strictly gold bond bill can be got through the Senate, and, accordingly, the impending issue will be under the same authority as the two last. Reports of any present or recent offer by Russia to take our government bonds, or loan gold to the United States Treasury, are authoritatively denied. Other favorable influences were money rates at the legal figure, and favorable reports of railway earnings for the third week of December. The St. Paul for the period mentioned shows an increase in gross earnings of \$159,548, and for the month of November fucreased gross of \$897,654 and net \$667,672. These factors caused a decidedly improved sentiment, resulting in advances in the general list of from 1 to 3 per cent., with all the leading stocks participating. An extreme rise of 4½ in Lackawanna in the face of a demoralized market for anthracite coal, due to the unseasonable weather, was set down to the covering of short contracts. No quotations were received from London, owing to the extended Christmas holiday at that center, but foreign buying orders were executed on this market to a moderate extent. The upward movement came to a halt soon after the expiration of the first our, and in the ensuing dealings sales were recorded at figures close to Tuesday's final prices. In some instances transactions were noted below that day's closing, particularly in Reading. Burlington, Manhattan and Leather preferred. The reactionary movement was on selling for both accounts. A sterling exchange on the sale of gold buillion and owing to revived talk of gold exports by Saturday's steamers. Up to the close of business no engagements had been made, however. No applications for loan certificates have been made, or are expected to be received from the banks or by the clearing house committee until after the close of the year at the earliest. The pressure to sell subsided around delivery hour, and, under the leadership of Sugar, prices took an upward course. The improvements, however, as a rule, did not exceed fractions. ugar was in brisk demand in the final dealings, and rose to 1031/2, a net gain of 31/8 per cent. The rise was credited to an advance in the market for domestic refined sugars, and to the alleged proposition of the Cuban revolutionary leaders to destroy the sugar crop of that island. The closing was quiet and steady at slight gains in mest cases. In the bond market the upward tendency which characterized the close on Tuesday

was resumed in the early dealings yesterday. Subsequently, in sympathy with the reaction in the stock market, prices receded

sharply and the closing tone was heavy.

Government bonds strong and higher, with fours up 1 per cent. State bonds dull.

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations: Open- High- Low- Closing. est. est. ing. Alton & Terre Haute. American Express.... 151/8 151/8 14 141/ Baltimore & Ohlo..... Canada Pacific...... 49% 50 locking Valley inols Central..... Michigan Central 2614 2614 2514 U. S. Cordage 57% 57% 53% U. S. Cordage pref New Jersey Central ... 1015% 1023% 101 1 New York Central ... 98 9814 97%
 Pullman Palace
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 6¼

 Reading
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 6¼
 6¼

 Rock Island
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 68¼
 68¼

 St. Paul
 68¼
 69¾
 Wabash, St. L. & P. 16% 16% 15% W., St. L. & P. pref. 16% 16% 15% Wells-Fargo Express. 87 8. Fours, reg..... S. Fours, coup..... Fours, new, reg. 1161 ours, new, coup 1164

MINING SHARES. Doubleday, Rope & Co., of Colorado Springs, Col., give the following quotations: | To | To | Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per | 1,000, \$3.50; 1-16 brl, \$5; \$3 brl, \$8; \$4 brl, \$16; | No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$4.25; | 1-16 brl, \$6.50; \$4 brl, \$10; \$4 brl, \$20; No. 1 | 49\frac{14}{2} cream, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, \$7; 1-16 brl, osa | 17\frac{14}{2} \$8.75; \$4 brl, \$14.50; \$4 brl, \$28.50. Extra

was formally opened yesterday. About five hundred business men of the city were in attendance. One hundred names are now on the membership list, and a number of applications are on file awaiting action. The listing committee has not completed its work yet, but it is the intention to list nothing but actual ore-producing mines. Among the speakers were President Donelan, Judge Colbron, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Baskin and Judge C. C.

Thursday's Bank Cleavings, At New York-Clearings, \$157,000,646; baloston-Clearings, \$19,224,541; balances, At Baltimore-Clearings, \$3,147,571; balncinnati-Clearings, 42,611. At Chicago-Clearances, \$15,855,257. Money

77 per cent. New York exchange, \$1. Foreign exchange steady. sterling, \$4.90 and \$4.88%.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Trade Slow and Prices Free of Important Fluctuations.

As usual after Christmas, trade was quiet yesterday, and changes in values few, There is a disposition among the wholesale men to begin the year with more push than was the feature of 1895. Traveling salesmen will be started out earlier and many merchants will enter into additional fields as Indianapolis has reached a prominent position as a wholesale trade center. Yesterday there were no changes in values of importance. Cranberries are \$1 a barrel higher and choice apples are higher.

Everything in the vegetable line is selling low. The movement of provisions is active and prices steadier. Poultry is easier and eggs firmer. In staple groceries there were no changes of importance and a dull business and unchanged prices in all lines is looked for until after New Year's. The local grain market is tame and transactions few. Prices on track yesterday

ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 63½c; No. 3 red, 60@61c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 26½c; No. 2 white, 26½c;

No. 3 white, 26½c; No. 2 white mixed, 25½c;

No. 3 white mixed, 25c; No. 2 yellow,

25c; No. 3 yellow, 25c; No. 2 mixed, 25c; No. 3 mixed, 25c; ear corn, 24c. Oats-No. 2 white, 22c; new No. 3 white, 21c, No. 3 mixed, 19c; new No. 3 mixed,

Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$13.50@14.50; No. 2, \$12 @12.50; No. 1 prairie, \$9@11. Poultry and Other Produce. (Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry-Hens, 5c; springs, 51/2c; cocks, 3c; turkeys, old hens, 6c; old toms, 5c; young turkeys, 6c; ducks, 6c; geese, \$4.80 per Butter-Choice country, 8@10c.
Eggs-Candled, shippers paying 17c.
Honey-New, 15@18c per lb.
Beeswax-20c for yellow; 15c for dark.
Wool-Medium washed, 14c; fine merino,
unwashed, 10c; tubwashed, 20@23c; burry

and unmerchantable, 5c less. Feathers-Prime geese, 30@32c per lb mixed duck, 20c per lb. Game. Rabbits-79@80c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC. Green-salted hides—No. 1, 6c; No. 54c; No. 1 calf, 64c; No. 2 calf, 54c.

Green Hides—No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. calf. 54c; No. 2 calf, 4c. Grease—White, 3%c; yellow, 3c; brown, 3c. Tallow—No. 1, 3½c; No. 3, 3c. Bones—Dry, \$12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

ices of the wholesale dealers.)

Candles and Nuts. Candies-Stick, 6c per lb; common mixed, 6c; G. A. R. mixed, 6½c; Banner stick, 10c; cream mixed, 9c; old-time mixed, 7c.
Nuts-Soft-shelled almonds, 12@16c; English walnuts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; mixed nuts,

Canned Goods.

Peaches—Standard 3-pound, \$1.50@1.75; 3-pound seconds, \$1.20@1.40; 3-pound pie, 85@ 90e; California standard, \$1.75@2; California seconds, \$1.40@1.50. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 70@80c; raspberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, \$1.25@1.35; choice, \$2@2.50; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, 90@95c; light, 60@65c; 2-pound, full weight, \$1.60@1.70; light, \$1.10@1.20; string beans, 75@85c; Lima beans, \$1.10@1.20; peas, marrowfat, 90c@\$1.10; early June, 90c@\$1.10; lobsters, \$1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@\$1: strawberries, 90@95c; salmon, 1-pound, \$1.10@2; 3-pound tomatoes, 80@85c. Canned Goods.

Conl and Coke. The following are the prices on coal and coke as retailed in this market: Anthracite coal, \$6.50 per ton; Pittsburg lump, \$4; Brazil block, \$3; Winifrede lump, \$4; Jackson lump, \$3.75; Green county lump, \$2.75; Paragon lump, \$2.50; Green county nut, \$2.50; Blossburg coal, \$4.50; crushed coke, \$3 per 25 bu; lump coke, \$2.50; foundry coke, \$6 per ton.

Dried Fruits. Figs-Layer, new, 15c.

Apricots—Evaporated, 9@13c.
Prunes—California, 6@10c per 1b.
Currants—44@5c per 1b.
Peaches—Common sun-dried, 8@10c per 1b;
California, 10@12c; California fancy, 124@ Raisins-Loose Muscatels, \$1.25@1.40 per box; London layer, \$1.35@1.75 per box; Valencia, 61/2/081/2c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

Alcohol, \$2.44@2.60; asafetida, 30@36-, alum, 21/2@4c; camphor, 65@70c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 65@70c; copperas, brls, 45@50c; chloroform, 65@70c; copperas, brls, 45@50c; cream tartar, pure, 28@30c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., par oz., \$1.75@2; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal., 96c@\$1; oil, bergamot, per lb, \$2.75; opium, \$2; quinine, P. & W., per oz., 38, 43c; balsam copaiba, 50@55c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 44@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 32@38c; glycerine, 19@22c; ledide potassium, \$3@3.10; bromide potassium, 45@47c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonida, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@26c.

Oils-Linseed, 40@42c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30e; miners', 45e; lard oils, winter-strained, in brls, 60c per gal; in half brls, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods. Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 74c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 7c; Capital, 6c; Cumberland, 8c; Dwight Anchor, 8½c; Fruit of the Loom, 8½c; Farwell, 7½c; Fitchville, 7c; Full Width, 6c; Gilt Edge, 6½c; Gilded Age, 5½c; Hill, 8c; Hope, 7½c; Linwood, 7¾c; Lonsdale, 8½c; Lonsdale cambric, 9½c; Masonville, 8½c; Peabody, 6c; Pride of the West, 11c; Quinebaugh, 6c; Star of the Nation, 6½c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 19c; Pepperell, 10-4, 21c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22c. Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6½c; Argyle, 5½c; Boott C, 5c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Clifton CCC, 6c; Constitution, 40-inch, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7½c; Dwight Star, 7¾c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 5c; Hill

5c; Pepnerell E, 61/2c; Pepperell R, 6c; Pep-hi perell, 9-4, 17c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18c; An-th perell, 9-4, 17c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 5c; Allen's staples, 4%c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5c; American indigo, 5c; Arnold LLC, 7c; Cocheco fancy, 5%c; Cocheco madders, 4%c; Hamilton fancy, 5%c; Manchester fancy, 5%c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5%c; Pacific fancy, 5%c; Pacific robes, 5%c; Pacific mournings, 5c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5%c; Simpson's mournings, 5%c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5%c; Amoskeag Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick dress, 6c; Johnson BF fancy, 8%c; Lancaster, 5%c; Lancaster, 5%c; Carrollton, 4%c; Renfrew dress, 6%; Whittenton Heather, 6c; Calcutta dress styles, 5%c. rollton, 4%c; Renfrew dress, 6%c; Whittenton Heather, 6c; Calcutta dress styles, 5%c.
Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 11%c; Conestoga, BF, 12%c; Cordis 140, 9%c; Cordis FT, 16c; Cordis ACE, 11%c; Hamilton awnings, 9c; Kimono fancy, 17c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Metheum AA, 10c; Oakland AF, 5%c; Portsmouth, 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket SW, 6%c; Shetucket F, 7c; Swift River, 5%c, Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 4c; Warren, 3%c; Slater, 4c; Genesee, 4c ren, 3%c; Slater, 4c; Genesee, 4c. Grain Bags-Amoskeag, \$11.50; American, \$11.50; Franklinville, \$13.50; Harmony, \$11;

Stark, \$14.50. Sugars-City Prices-cut loaf, 5.66c; Dominoes, 5.66c; crushed, 5.66c; powdered, 5.29c; granulated, 5.04c; coarse granulated, 5.16c; fine granulated, 5.04c; extra fine granulated, 5.16c; cubes, 5.29c; XXXX powdered, 5.41c; mold A, 5.28c; diamond A, 5.04c; confectioners' A, 4.91c; Columbia A, 4.79c; Windsor A, 4.79c; Ridgewood A, 4.79c; Phoenix A, 4.73c; Empire A, 4.66c; Ideal ex. C, 4.60c; Windsor ex. C, 4.54c; Ridgewood ex. C, 4.47c; yellow ex. C, 4.41c; yellow C, 4.35c; yellow 4.29c; vellow 3, 4.23c; yellow 4, 4.16c; yellow, 5,

4.10c.
Coffee—Good, 19@20c; prime, 2014@21c; strictly prime, 22@231/2c; fancy green and yellow, 241/4@25c; Java. 28@32c. Roasted—Old government Java. 23@331/2c; golden Rio, 251/2c; Bourbon Santos. 251/2c; Gilded Santos. 251/2c; prime Santos. 241/2c; Cottage blended. 221/2c; Capital blended, 211/2c; Pilot, 22c; Dakota, 20c; Brazil, 191/2c; Puritan, 1-1b pkgs, 213/2c. Salt, in car lots, 95c@\$1; small lots, \$1.05@ Spices-Pepper, 10@18c; allspice, 10@15c cloves, 15@20c; cassia, 13@15c; nutmegs, 65@

charge for printing. Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, \$6@6.25; No. 2 tubs, \$5.25@5.50; No. 3 tubs, \$4.25@4.50; 3-hoop pails, \$1.40@1.50; 2-hoop pails, \$1.15@1.20; double washboards, \$2.25@2.75; common washboards, \$1.25@2.50; clothes pins, 40@65c

per box.

Wood Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, \$2.50; No. 2, \$3; No. 3, \$3.50; No. 5, \$4.50.

Shot—\$1,30\alpha1.35 per bag for drop.

Lead—\$1\alpha7c for pressed bars.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 20\alpha30c; choice, 35\alpha40c; syrups, 18@20c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, \$1.40@1.50
per bu; medium hand-picked, \$1.35@1.40;
limas, California, 5@54c per lb.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c;
flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; tute, 12@15c; cotton,

Rice-Louisiana, 405c; Carolina, 4% 96%c. Leather. Leather-Oak sole, 30@35c; hemlock sole, 25@31c; harness, 31@40c; skirting, 34@41c;

single strap, 44c; black bridle, per doz, \$70@ 75; fair bridle, \$80@90 per doz; city kip, 60@ 75c; French kip, 90c@\$1.20; city calfskins, 90c @\$1.10; French calfskins, \$1.20@2.

Straight grades, \$3.50@3.75; fancy grades, \$4@4.25; patent flour, \$4.25@4.75; low grades, \$2.50@2.75.

Iron and Steel Bar fron, \$1.60@1.90; horseshoe bar, 21/2@ 2%c; nail rod, 7c; plow slabs, 2%c; American cast steel, 9@llc; tire steel, 2%@3c; spring steel, 4%@5c.

Nails and Horseshoes. Steel cut nails, \$2.25; wire nails, \$2.50 rate. Horseshoes, per keg, \$3.75; mule shoes, per keg, \$4.75; horse nails, \$4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvanized, \$2.50; painted, \$2.20. Provisions.

Bacon-Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 61/4c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 61/4c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 61/4c. Bellies, 25 lbs average, 61/4c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 61/4c; 12 to 15 lbs average, 61/4c; 12 to 25 lbs average, 61/4c; 12 to 25 lbs average, 64c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 6%c; 9 to 10 lbs average, 6%c. Breakfast Bacon-Clear firsts, 10c; sec-

Lard-Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 6%c; pure lard, 6%c.
Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 7%c; 16 lbs average, 7%c.
Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl, 200 lbs, \$12.50; rump pork, \$10. Hams-Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 9%c; 16 lbs average, 10c; 12½ lbs average, 10½c; 10 lbs average, 10%c; block hams, 10½c; all first brands; seconds, ½c less. California hams, sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 7c; boneless hams, sugar-cured, 7½

Dry-salted Meats-Clear sides, about 50 to 60 lbs average, 5%c; 35 to 40 lbs average, 5%c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 5%c; clear bellies, 20 to 30 lbs average, 5%c; 16 to 18 lbs average, 5%c. Clear backs, 20 to 30 lbs average, 5%c; 12 to 16 lbs average, 5%c. Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Bananas-Per bunch, \$1@1.25. Cranberries, \$3.25 per box; \$9 per brl; fancy Cape Cod berry, \$3.50 per box; \$10 Cabbage-\$1 per brl; sauer kraut, \$4 per Cheese-New York full cream, 10@12c; skims, 6@8c per lb. Lemons-Messina, choice, \$3.50 per box; fancy lemons, \$4.50.
Apples-Common, \$1.25@1.75 per brl; choice, \$2.25 per brl; choice eating apples, \$3@3.50. Oranges-Jamaica, \$9@9.50 per brl; California navels, \$5 per box. Onions-50@60c per bu. Potatoes-30@35c per bu.

Celery-20@30c per bunch. Grapes-Malaga grapes, \$6.50@7 per keg. Sweet Potatoes-Kentucky, \$2.50 per brl; Cobden's, \$3 per brl; Eastern Jerseys, \$4.50 Cider-New, \$4 per brl; \$2.25 per half brl. Cocoanuts-50c per doz.

Clover-Choice recleaned, 60 lb, \$4.65@4.85; prime, \$4.50@4.65; English, choice, \$5@5.25; prime, \$4@4.50; alsike, choice, \$5@5.50; alfalfa, choice, \$4.25@5; crimson or scarlet clover, \$2.90@3; timothy, 45 lb, choice, \$2@2.10; strictly prime, \$2.15@2.20; fancy Kentucky, 14 lb, 80c@\$1; extra clean, 65@70c. Orchard grass, extra, \$1.35@1.50; red top, choice, \$1@1.25; extra clean, 90c@\$1; English blue grass, 24-lb, \$1.85@2. Tinuers' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin, 1C, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, \$5.50@6; IX, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, \$7@7.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, \$4.50@5; IC, 20x28, \$9@16; block tin, in pigs, 19c; in bars, 20c. Iron—27 B iron, \$3; C iron, 30c; galvanized, 75 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 6@6½c. Copper bottoms, 21c. Planished copper, 20c. Solder, 11@12c.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS. Eight Transfers, with a Total Con-

sideration of \$9.950. Instruments filed for record in the reearder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., Dec. 26, 1896, as furnished by Theo. Stelling abstracter of titles, Hartford Block, No. 86 Pork—Dec \$8.60

Matilda C. Stone to Henry Frank, scuth half of lot 10, block 23, Drake's Belle Hall to Maranda A. Losh, lot 597, McCarty's twelfth West Side addition 2,600 William W. Kennedy, commissioner, to Albert E. Humke, lot 25, Vajen's South Brookside addition.....

al., part of lots 18 and 19, Pennsylvania and Indianapolis Railroad Eliza J. Hawkins to Edgar L. Taylor, lot 19, block 17, North Indianapolis Harry H. Pauley to Willard H. Col-man et al., lots 3 and 4, Kappes & Frank's addition..... Eldora Otto to Harvey W. Goody-kuntz, lot 9, Furgason's Haughville

Total transfers, 8; consideration \$9,950

HE SPENT FOURTEEN MILLIONS. How a Frenchman Sowed Wild Oats and Surprised Parisians. New York Special.

Max Lebaudy, who died yesterday at Amelia-Les-Bains of typhoid fever, was the Monte Cristo of spendthrifts. About Paris he was known as the "Little Sugar Bowl," he being the only son of a refiner, who left him £3,000,000. He borrowed largely from usurers, being unable to live on the scale he liked with the allowance of a few hundred a year made to him by his mother, who dreaded the corrupting influence of money upon her son. On coming of age M. Max Lebaudy declared that he had sown his Wheat—Receipts. wild cats and would live well within his income. Before reaching manhood he conrates of interest. Every day Lebaudy gave cold wave West and small official world's Paris a new surprise. Here are some things he did: Paid \$100,000 for a mine in Norway him. Gave bicycles to all the letter carriers used to drive her to the races at Nice. 34%c, closed at 34c. Bought the German horse Carleman, which every one feared would win the Auteuil steeplechase, but did not get a place. When the employes of his sugar refinery struck for higher wages he refused the raise of a His mother, a sort of Hetty Green, had

him declared a "perpetual minor" by one court, but he had himself declared an adult by another. His mother got the French government to commission him to go to Malay on an ethnographical expedition, to get him away from Paris, but when the yacht was ready to sail he would not go. His mother paid the freight. A scandal arose in the arrest of Comte Talleyrand-Perigord and his friend, M. Woesty, on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, embezzlement and forgery. M. Lebaudy was the plaintiff. Lebaudy gave the prisoners £16,000 of notes of hand to discount. The notes, however, were not discounted, and M. Lebaudy asked to have them back. Instead of his original notes he says he received forged duplicates, which he tore up under the impression that they were his own. One of these I. O. U.'s, which he fancied he had destroyed, was presented to him for payment. He naturally refused, and after an unsuccessful endeavor to come to terms with the Comte De Talleyrand-Perigord, he placed the matter in the hands of the

police. A satisfactory settlement was final-When he became of age he took to blevcling and other healthy outdoor sports, paid off all just debts and engaged a lawyer to compromise the usurers' bills on fair terms. He recently purchased the Soir (newspaper) and devoted much of his space to racing matters. He was but twenty-five years of age when he died and left a fortune of \$1,000,000, which he could not get at during the time he was sowing his wild oats.

A Christmas Echo.

Washington Post. A kind, courteous old gentleman walked up and down the length of one of Washngton's largest jewelry stores last night in evident doubt and perplexity. Time and again the clerks asked if he desired to be waited on, but "Not now" was the only answer the worried old gentleman could give. At length he stepped toward the maniger and asked: "Have you any silver candlesticks?"

The manager replied that of course they returned the old gentleman, now no longer disturbed. "My wife wanted me to give him some books for Christmas, but I couldn't see what use books could be to a boy of twenty-three, away from home, and traveling the year round. I think I'll get him a pair of candiesticks. They always pleased his sisters, and I guess what's good enough for them is plenty good enough

Before the Flood.

"Oh, that happened before the flood," said the big man contemptuously.
"Which flood?" asked the little man, who had put in two days trying to get the water

NEARLY A CENT

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET LOST STRENGTH OVER CHRISTMAS.

Local Bearish Sentiment Largely Instrumental in the Decline-Other Markets Weak.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-The wheat market today gained nothing for the price by its two days' rest. At the close May was 57%c, compared with 58@581/sc at the end of Monday's session. There was nothing outside of local bearish sentiment to satisfactorily account for the break. Corn and oats could not easily have been duller than they were to-day until in the last fifteen minutes of the session. The heaviness of wheat affected them injuriously as to price, but favorably in the way of putting a little more life in the trading. They each lost about 1/c in the value of active futures. Provisions acted strong, but closed with the principal part of their early gain lost.

Wheat ruled exceedingly dull, but early feeling was somewhat stronger. There were no foreign markets, and local traders showed little disposition to operate, and holiday duliness was the rule. Stocks were stronger at the start, and wheat sympathized somewhat, but the failure of the predicted cold wave and the light business caused a sharp reaction later in the day. But when the world's shipments last week were reported at only a little over 6,000,000 bu the market began to react. Then came the big exports from New York Monday -565,000 bu-and there was a further advance, but before noon most of it had been lost. There is still a good deal of apprehension as to the financial outlook, which tends to restrict trade and this makes the feeling conservative and cautious. May sold early up to 58%c, off to 57%c, then rallied to 58%c, but at noon had gone off to 57%@57%c split. The market held dull and easy during the last hour, and May closed at 57%c. The large increase in the world's stocks had a depressing influence. There were liberal receipts of corn, but

the trading was so light that prices were not moved %c during nearly the whole session. May sold at 28c and 28@28%c split, with 28c the current price at noon. The feeling got weaker during the last hour, following wheat, and May at the close sold at 27%@27%c split, but there was hardly any

The feeling was steady early in the oats market, but toward the close the market declined, principally through sympathy with wheat. Almost all the trading was in May. The provision market started strong, and as long as it had the countenance of a firm wheat market, it continued so. When the latter failed, however, near the close, the prices of hog products dropped also. After an advance of 7½c pork declined 10c, closing at a loss of 2½c for the day. Lard and ribs did not lose all the advance they made, each closing .021/2@.05c higher than on Monday.
Estimated receipts to-morrow—Wheat, 238
cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 265 cars; hogs, 27,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows:

Open- High- Low- Closest. est. Articles. Wheat-Dec Jan May Jan May July Oats-Dec May 8.95 8.95 Lard-Dec Jan 5.27½ May 5.50 Ribs-Dec Jan May 4.50 4.50 4.471/2 Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull. No. 2 spring wheat, 54%@55%c; No. 2 red, 59%c; No. 2 corn, 25%c; No. 2 yerlow corn, 25%c; No. 2 oats, 17c; No. 2 white, 19@20c;

No. 3 white, 17@18%c; No. 2 white, 13@20c; No. 3 white, 17@18%c; No. 2 rye, 32c; No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, 20%@22c; No. 4, 21@37c; No. 1 flaxseed, 93c; prime timothy seed, \$3.40@3.45; mess pork, per brl, \$7.62% @7.70; lard, per 4b, 5@5.32%c; short-rib sides, loose), 4.25@4.30c; dry-salted shoulders, (boxed), 4%@4%c; short-clear sides, (boxed), 4%@4%c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, \$1.22. Receipts—Flour, 25,000 brls; wheat, 198,000 bu; corn, 368,000 bu; oats, 570,000 bu; rye, 24,000 bu; barley, 112,000 bu. Shipments— Flour, 27,000 brls; wheat, 90,000 bu; corn, 333,000 bu; oats, 479,000 bu; rye, 19,000 bu; barley, 31,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Senboard's Commercial Metropolis, NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Flour-Receipts, 89,800 bris; exports, 62,400 bris. Market dull and tending lower in response to the late

break in wheat. No export demand. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat flour dull at \$1.30@ 1.35. Buckwheat dull at 39%@40c. Corn meal quiet. Rye nominal. Barley and bar-Wheat-Receipts, 300,000 bu; exports, 556,-500 bu. Spots weaker; No. 2 red, 66%c; No. tracted debts with usurers at enormous 1 hard, 66%c. Options opened firmer on

and sold it for \$4,000; contracted for \$2,500 ances, but sold off later under fears of worth of jewelry while a minor and agreed to pay \$30,000 for it when he should come of age; spent \$15,000 on an arena for amateur bull fighting, entered the arena himself teur bull fighting, entered the arena himself to him the amount of himself the state of the arena himself to him the amount of himself the arena himself to him the amount of himself the arena himself to him the amount of the arena himself the arena himself to him the amount of the arena himself to him the himself to him the himself himself to him the himself himself to him the himself him ances, but sold off later under fears of Carlisle, 40-inch, 7½c; Dwight Star, 7½c; and killed bulls for the amusement of his friends; was a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; took his fine steam yacht to Rouen and ferried opened steady with wheat, but declined under local pressure and the increase in Bradstreet's reported visible, closing unsettled and from 1/8c higher to 1/8c lower. May, of Rouen, was Mrs. Langtry's friend, and 345-16@841/2c, closed at 34%c; December, 34@ Oats-Receipts, 353,200 bu; exports, bu. Spots very dull; No. 2, 23@234c. Options inactive all day, closing nominally at 4c up on December and partially 4c off on later months; May closed at 23%c; December cent. Afterward gave \$12,000 to be divided closed at 2314c.

Hay dull. Hides nominal. Hops weak. Leather firm. Wool dull.

Beef steady. Cut meats easy; pickled hams, 8@8%c. Lard firmer; Western steam closed at 5.50c asked; December, 5.50c nominal. Pork firm and active. Tallow dull and easy; city, 3%c; country, 4c as to quality. Cotton-seed oil inactive at Coffee-Options opened quiet at points decline, ruled generally dull

featureless in the absence of cables, the foreign markets being closed on account of olidays, closed quiet at a net advance of 5@10 points. Sales, 8,000 bags, including January at 13.50c, February at 13.35c, March at 13.30@13.35c, September at 11.95c; December at 13.65c, Spot Rio dull; No. 7, 14%c; mild dull, Cordova. 173 @181/c; sales, 1,000 bags of Rio at 13.40c c. l. and f. Sugar-Raw firm; fair refining, 314@314c; centrifugal 96 test, 3 9-16@3%c; refined firm, No. 6, 45-16c; standard A, 4%c; confection-ers' A, 4%c; cut loaf, 5%c; crushed, 5%c; powdered, 5c.

telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covindicate the following in available stocks as compared with the Saturday: Available supplies:

Available Stocks of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Special cable and

Wheat-United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, increase, 36,636,000 bu; affoat for and in Europe, increase, 80,-000 bu. Corn-United States and Canada. east of the Rockies, increase, 1,160,000 bu; oats, increase, 90,000 bu.

TRADE IN GENERAL Quotations at St. Louis, Philadelphia,

Baltimore and Other Points. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.-Flour dull and un-ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat rather dull early, with trading confined to scalpers. Bradstreet's reported increase of 3,636,000 bu in the available supply of this country and of 89,000 bu afloat for Europe had a depressing effect, the market declining and closing 4c below Monday for futures. Spot higher; No. 2 red, cash, 63c; December, 624c; May, 574c. Corn dull, trading light; prices unchanged for futures. Spot quiet and firm; No. 2 mixed, cash, 24c; December, 244c asked; January, 234,023%c; May, 24%c. Oats—Futures weak and lower. Spot stronger on call, but none offered; No. 2, cash, 16%c; December, 16%c; May, 184c. Rye—None of-December, 16%c; May, 18%c. Rye-None of-fered or bid for; No. 2 quotable at 32c. fered or bid for; No. 2 quotable at 32c.
Barley steady. Bran steady at 46c for east track. Corn meal, \$1.30@1.35. Flax-seed steady at 87½c. Timothy steady at \$3.30@3.40. Hay—Timothy barely steady with heavy supply, at \$8.50@14; prairie dull at \$5.50@8, this side. Butter quiet. Eggs lower at 18½c. Whisky higher at \$1.22. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork—Standard mess jobbing, \$8.87½@9. Lard—Prime steam, 5.15c; choice, 5.22½c. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, 5.50c; longs, 5.12½c; ribs, 15.25c; shorts, 5.50c. Dry-salt meats—Boxed

shoulders, 4.50c; longs, 4.50c; ribs, 4.621/c; Yorkers, fair to choice, \$3.65@3.70; stags, shorts, 4.75c. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 brls; common to choice wheat, 76,000 bu; corn, 112,000 bu; oats, 86,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 brls; wheat, 27,000 bu; corn, 33,000 bu; oats, 12,000 bu.

Market active. L. TOLEDO, Dec. 26 .- Wheat active; No.

cash and December, 64c; May, 661/sc. Corn higher and steady; No. 2 mixed, 28c; No. 3 mixed, 271/sc; May, 28%c. Oats dull and firm; No. 2 mixed, 191/sc; No. 2 white, 20c; May, 201/sc. Rye dull; No. 2 cash, 38c. Clover seed active and steady; prime, cash and December, \$4.12\%; March, \$4.22\%. Receipts-Wheat, 9,500 bu; corn, 141,500 bu; oats, 19,200 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; clover seed, 270 bags. Shipments-Flour, 4,000 brls; wheat, 7,500 bu; corn, 134,500 bu; oats, 23,000 bu; clover seed, 249 bags.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.-Flour quie Wheat dull and lower: No. 2 red, 64@65c, Receipts, 4500 bu; shipments, 9,580 bu. Corn dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 251/2028c. Oats quiet; No. 2 mixed, 20c. Rye weak; No. 2, 39c. Lard quiet at 5.15c. Bulk meats steady at 4.371/c. Bacon firm at 5.621/c. Whisky quiet; sales, 631 brls, at \$1.22. But-ter quiet and lower; fancy Elgin creamery, 27c; Ohio, 18@20c; dairy, 10@11c. Sugar firm. Eggs weak at 16c. Cheese quiet.

DETROIT, Dec. 26,—Wheat quiet; No. 1 white, 64½c; No. 2 red, 63¾c; May, 65½c. Corn—No. 2, 27c. Oats—No. 2 white, 20¾c; No. 2 mixed, 18c. Rye—No. 2, 37c. Cloverseed, \$4.12½. Receipts—Wheat, 3,200 bu; corn, 10,700 bu; oats, 1,900 bu.

Metals. PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.-The American Manfacturer in its weekly review of iron and steel trade will say to-morrow: The past week has developed nothing new in the iron and steel market further than a continuing lowering of prices and reports of less business being done. The main topics of the past week, the question of our foreign relations and the probability of war, have had a decided effect upon the iron and steel market. It meeded no war scare, however, to keep up the conditions of the market noted weeks past. The trade seems to be settling down into something like the old rut, with prices lowering and the aggregate

business growing less. Pig iron continues to fall. Grey forge is quoted at \$11.25@11.50; No. 1 foundry, \$13.25@13.75; Bessemer, \$11.25@11.50. The finished iron and steel market is duller than last week. Best muck bar is quoted at 1.30@1.40c; common iron, 1.20@1.25c; steel bars, 1.25@1.30c; No. 24 sheet, 2.45@2.50c; steel rails are quiet at \$28. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Pig iron dull; Southern, \$12@12.50; Northern, \$12@14. Copper easy; brokers', 10%c; exchange, 10.25@1037½c. Lead steady; brokers', 3.05c; exchange, 3.17½@20c. Tin dull; straits, 13.50@13.70c; plates quiet and weak. Spelter flat; domestic, 3.45@3.50.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.-Lead, 2.871/2c. Spelter higher; 3.25c bid. Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Butter-Receipts 14,535 packages (three days). The market was steady; Western dairy, 11@19c; Western creamery, 17@25c; Elgins, 25c. Cheese—Receipts, 2,713 (three days.) The market was quiet; large, 74@10c; small, 74@10½c; part skims, 3½c; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs—Receipts, 7,991 packages (three days.) The market was steady; State and Pennsylmarket was steady; State and Pennsylmarket was steady; vania, 20@24c; Western, 20@21c; Southern,

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady but lower; dairy, 12@21c; creamery, 19@24c. Cheese quiet at 8% @9%c. Eggs steady;

highest, \$1.40; lowest, \$1.40; closed, \$1.40. Shipments, 100,835 bris; runs, 48,727 bris. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Petroleum quiet; United closed at \$1.40 bid. Rosin steady. Spirits of turpentine firm at 30@32c. Cotton. MEMPHIS, Dec. 26 .- Cotton easy; mid-

dling, 713-16c. Receipts, 1,627 bales; ship-ments, 3,861 bales; sales, 300 bales; stock, NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Cotton closed dull; middling uplands, 8%c; middling gulf, 8%c. Sales, 128 bales. Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-There was an irregular demand by spot buyers and a small mail order request, each of which called for moderate quantities of specialties to meet current wants, but otherwise the mand was light to nominal and for the closing week of the year there is no promise of any large new business. Printing cloths dull at 3c for 64 squares and no sales reported. LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Scarce and Stronger-Hogs Active and Higher-Sheep Steady. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26. - Cattle - Receipts, 100; shipments light. The market was a shade stronger on the better grades. Export grades.....\$4.00@4.50 Shippers, medium to good......3.50@3.90 Shippers, common to fair.....2.75@3.25 Cows. fair to medium..... 2.00@2.35 Cows, common old...... 1.00@1 Veals, good to choice............ 4.75@5.75 Veals, common to medium....... 3.50@4.25

Hogs-Receipts, 1,500; shipments, 400. The light supply caused sharp competition, and prices were 5@10c higher, packers and shippers buying. All soon changed hands and the closing was steady. Packing and shipping...........\$3.50@3.5714 Mixed 3.45@3.55 Heavy roughs 2.50

Sheep and Lambs-Receipts light; shipments light. There was no material change in prices. The feeling is generally good. Sheep, good to choice\$2.80@3.20 Sheep, fair to medium 2.20@2.60 Lambs, common to medium...... 2.50@3.25 Bucks, per head...... 2.00@4.00 Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Cattle—The general market was only fairly animated early at steady prices, while the choicer lots of cattle were 10c higher than on Thursday and 25c higher than at the close of last week, the advance being confined to handy light and medium weight steers. Common to choice beeves brought \$3.20@4.50, with the bulk selling at \$3.75@4.35. The late sales of cattle to-day were very slow, and sellers claimed that the early advance was all lost and that the general market was 10c lower than on Tuesday. The butcher and canner trade was fairly good, and the moderate offerings imparted strength to the prices, cows and heifers selling largely at \$2\tilde{a}3. The stocker and feeder trade was unimproved, with sales at \$2.40@2.60.

Hogs—The light "runs" are serving to strengthen prices, and they were 5@10c higher to-day. There are reported to be plenty of hogs in the country, but many of them are kept back on account of the bad roads, the others having been withheld because prices have fallen so low. Heavy hogs, \$3.40@3.60; mixed, \$3.40@3.55; light, \$3.40@3.50; pigs, \$3@3.50. Sheep—With a good demand, prices were 10@15c higher, common to choice sheep selling at \$2@3.35. Lambs sold at \$3.25@4.50. Receipts for two days—Cattle, 15,000; hogs, 17,000; sheep, 7,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26. - Cattle - Receipts, 2,800; shipments, 300. The market was steady to strong. Export steers, \$4.40@4.75; fair to choice shipping, \$3.65@4.30; dressed beef grades, \$3@4.15; bulk of sales, \$3.25@4 steers, under 1,000 lbs, \$2.40@6.25; bulk of sales, \$2.60@3; stockers and feeders, \$1.85@ 2.50; bulk of sales, \$2.25@3.25; cows and heifers, \$1.80@3.25; bulk of sales, \$2@2.75; canning cows, \$1.25@3.50; calves, \$5@8.50.

Hogs-Receipts, 7,000; shipments, 600. The market was strong and higher. Heavy, \$2.30@3.50; mixed, \$3.10@3.40; light, \$3.25@2.40. Sheep—Receipts, 700; shipments none. The market was 75... Natives, \$2.25@3; bulk of sales, \$2.40@2.75; Southern, \$2@3; lambs, \$3@ 4; common stuff, \$1.50@2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Beeves-Receipts 321; none on sale. European cables quote American steers at 9@1114c dressed weights; refrigerator beef, 81/2@10c. No exports to-Calves-No fresh arrivals; about 70 on sale. Market active. Veals higher. Veals, poor to choice, \$5@6.37½; Western calves, \$2.50@3.

ceipts, 5,000; shipments, 1,800; market steady to 10c lower; Texas steers, \$2.25@ 3.45; Texas cows, \$1.75@2.65; beef steers, \$3@ 4.25; native cows, \$1.50@3; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@3.50; bulls, \$1.50@3.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,100; shipments, 200;

to choice, \$2.50@3; pigs, comn

Sheep and Lambs-Receitps, 12 loads. Market active. Lambs, choice to prime, \$4.60@4.65; Canada, fair to prime, \$4.50@4.85. Sheep, choice to selected export wethers, \$3@3.25; cuils and common, \$1.25@2. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26.-Cattle-Market strong; extra shipping, \$3.75@4; light shipping, \$3.50@3.75; best butchers', \$1.40@3.65; feeders, \$3@3.50; stockers, \$1.75@3.

Hogs-Market firm; choice packing and butchers', \$3.45; fair to good packing, \$3.40@3.45; good to extra light, \$3.40; roughs, \$2.75

Sheep and lambs unchanged. CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.-Cattle-Receipt 900; shipments, 309. Market strong and 1 15c higher, at \$2.35@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,500; shipments, 1,400.

Market active and higher, at \$3.10@3.60. Sheep and Lambs-Receipts, 600; ship-ments, 300. Sheep steady at \$1@3.25; lambs

steady at \$2.50@4. EAST LIBERTY, Dec. 26.—Cattle slow prime, \$4.15@4.30; good butchers', \$3.60@3,80 bulls, cows and stags, \$1.50@3. Hogs steady; prime light, \$3.55@3.60; medium grades, \$3.45@3.55; roughs, \$2.25@3.

Sheep unchanged. STRANGE JOURNEY FOR A WOMAN.

She Has a Lot of Perilous Adventures but Escapes Without Harm. London Times.

Miss Kingsley, who has recently been traveling in the Cameroons, arrived in Liverpool on Saturday by the steamer Bakana. She left Liverpool last December for the second time to visit west Africa chiefly for the purpose of collecting pisca-torial specimens and of studying the "fe-tish" customs of the natives. Miss Kingsley's collection of fishes on her first visit was of a marine description, but the present collection, most of which is destined for the British Museum, is of fresh water

After reaching Old Calabar, Miss Kings-ley proceeded to the French settlement of the Gaboon, and made it known to the authorities that she wished to explore the gorilla country in the interior of the Gaboon territory, and also to go up the Ogowe river to N'Djole. N'Djole is 206 miles up the Ogowe, but safe navigation could not be guaranteed beyond Lambarene, which is After much difficulty, Miss Kingsley go

together a canoe's crew of eight natives and started for the rapids. The canoe journey was a long one, and nearly a dozen times the craft was upset and its occupants were thrown into the water. The current was strong and Miss Kingsley had several narrow escapes, being saved more than once by clutching the rocks in the rapids and by holding on to them until the natives righted the cance. It was remarkable that none of the crew lost their lives, but once one man was missing for a few hours and was found perched on one Miss Kingsley had the most remarkable adventures in the Fangwe country while traveling overland from the Ogowe river to the Rembwe. The Fangwes are cannibals of the most pronounced type, always at war with each other, and are one of the few tribes in Africa who eat their own dead. Miss Kingsley had with her three "elephant men," or hunters, of the Fangwe tribe, and four Djuma men. As the little band approached each Fangwe town it was found to be in a state of defense, and the leader of the band very often fell into some trap which the inhabitants had laid outside the town for the enemy. As the expedition had no proper bandages, when one of the carriers was injured he OIL CITY, Dec. 26.-Oil opened at \$1.40; had to have his wounds bound up with

> When the journey was resumed Mis-Kingsley found the traps numerous and every kind of obstacles placed in the paths. At almost every town the Fangwes stopped the expedition and wanted to eat the three Fangwe elephant men, as they were enemies. Miss Kingsley had guaranteed the elephant men safety, so, sometimes by persuasion, sometimes by threats of punishment, and sometimes by a little present, the men were each time saved. Miss Kingsley did not come across one burial place in the Fangwe country, but she found that in most of the native mud huts pieces of human bodies were being kept just as civilized people keep eatables in their larders. On one occasion, when Miss their larders. On one occasion, when Mis Kingsley was turning out the contents of a sack to find out the origin of a sickening smell, hands, feet, eyes and other human remains tumbled out on the ground. The Adjumas, on the other hand, bury their dead in the forest. This was discovered by Miss Kingsley in a gruesome manner. While collecting some botanical specimens she came across several mounds composed of earth and leaves. Thinking they were a new form of anthill, she removed the upper layers with her stick, when the dead bodies of natives came to view.

> Miss Kingsley refused to relate any go-rilla stories, saying that too much doubt was cast upon all such accounts by the public. She saw many large gorillas, but these invariably made off on the approach of the band. One, however, persisted in an attempt to molest them, and was finally dispatched by the elephant men. He measured five feet seven inches in height. Two of his teeth are now in Miss Kingsley's

The natives at the back of the Gaboon colony spoke English, not French-of course, in broken style. Owing to tribal fighting, Miss Kingsley had to make a detour and came on the as yet unexplored Lake N'Covi. She crossed this lake and passed a night on one of the numerous islands in it. As far as Miss Kingsley could judge, Lake N'Cov was acout ten miles wide where she crossed and about fifteen in the other direction. She also crossed the little-known range of mountains called the Sierre del Crystal. These varied from 6,000 to about 8,000 feet in height. At the foot of each group was a mud swamp, in which the explorers sank nearly up to their necks.

Miss Kingsley returned to the Gaboon by way of the Rembwe, and when she informed the French authorities and traders

of her travels they were astonished that she had returned alive. Had they known of her intention beforehand they would probably have prevented the journey. She had been about two months in the interior. After this Miss Kingsley explored Corisco island. From N'Djole there is a stretch of country unknown, for 500 miles, in the direction of Brazzaville. It is French, and French officials have several times gone up the Ogowe many lives have been lost. Miss Kingsley's account of her subsequent ascent of the Cameroons peak is very interesting, and her visit will be valuable as supplying much information hitherto unobtainable.

It took her party ten days to make the

ascent and return. Her first desire was to Calabar, but she was prevented doing this by the German Governor, who said her life would be too seriously imperiled. Miss Kingsley went, however, to Victoria, on the sea side of the peak, and began the ascent. She did not keep to this side, however, but went inland to explore the little known Rumbi range of mountains. These mountains were inhabited up to about 7,000 feet, and Miss Kingsley found shelter in the native huts. At an altitude of 10,000 feet she came across the great crater. Alto-gether there are about seventy craters in the Cameroons mountains, and from the largest of these the peak from the seaside shoots up almost perpendicularly. It is from the other side that the summit of the from the other side that the summit of the peak is reached. Having now no tent, Miss Kingsley had to sleep on the ground in the open air, and was frequently drenched by heavy rains. The peak is 12,700 feet high. Notwithstanding the hardships that she went through, Miss Kingsley enjoyed good health, and was never once attacked with fever. Her diaries were regularly kept, and ought to enable her to furnish a valuable and most interesting volume. Miss Kingsley expressed herself as most charmed with the reception and assistance she received from the French, German and English officiais, and also from the traders at all points of her travels. She intends to return to west Africa again in a few months to explore other parts. Miss Kingsley sent home a large number of specimens to Dr. Gunther in advance, and has also brought a large collection with her.

A CHINESE SWEETHEART'S GIFTS. tables, but Never Candy. San Francisco Call,

Ah Leen is a good little girl who lives in the Presbyterian mission, away from the pomps and vanities of all this wicked world. Every Sunday, however, she goes religiously to church along with the other girls who have been rescued by the kind-hearted ladies of the Occidental Board. The passing of this procession is an opportunity eagerly seized by the eligible bachelors of Chinatown, who turn out en masse and line the sidewalks along the route, each good one cherishing the intentions of seeing Miss Culertson for the hand of the girl who strikes

his fancy most.
One gay and sprightly bachelor was particularly struck a couple of months ago by the beauty of Ah Leen. He watched the the beauty of Ah Leen. He watched the procession pass with eyes only for her, and when she had entered the sacred edifice, instead of resigning himself to go home, he made a mighty effort to overcome the prejudices of early education and followed her into the church. From that date a change has come over the bachelor. He no longer burns punk at the shrines of his countrymen nor does he dissipate money in having men, nor does he dissipate money in having his fortune told; in fact, he has become in every way worthy of Ah Leen, to whom he is soon to be united.

bridegroom-elect may see his future bride, he may even converse with her from opportunity site sides of the room, but the proprieties would be completely outraged if the betrothed couple were to shake hands. Two or three times a week the flance makes a call from five to ten minutes in duration, and if he is desperately enamored he never goes empty handed.

Sausages are a gift that is highly appre ciated, and Chinese vegetables are also much esteemed. Fruit is frequently brought to the engaged ladies, both in the Presbyterian and Methodist missions, but it would outrage Mongolian etiquette to bestow candy. The love-making is generally monosyllabic on the part of the young lady, and even the man finds his gift of conversation languish. At the Presbyterian mission a charming young Chinese girl named Ah Cheng, a professional interpreter, satisfies etiquette by being present during all the interviews. Many Chinese merchants have offered to lay their hands and hearts at Ah Cheng's feet, but she has seen so much of love-making as an onlooker that she re-fuses to go through the ordeal of entertain-ing a flance on her own account. Even the touching romance of Ah Leen has not in-clined the little interpreter to follow her

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